

Senate Resolution 1142

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd and Pearson of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the establishment of the Brazilian Consulate General; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Governor Sonny Perdue and newly appointed Brazilian Consul General Adalnio
3 Senna Ganem announced the opening of a new consulate general in Atlanta that will serve
4 the Brazilian community throughout the southeastern United States; and

5 WHEREAS, the Brazilian Consulate General will be one of Georgia's largest consulates,
6 employing a staff of up to 30 people when it reaches full capacity; and

7 WHEREAS, the Brazilian Consulate General will serve the States of Georgia, North
8 Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama, and, in addition to issuing
9 visas and passports and performing other consular services, the office will handle economic
10 development and trade functions and promote trade, investment, tourism, and academic and
11 cultural relationships; and

12 WHEREAS, prior to his appointment as consul general, Ambassador Adalnio Senna Ganem
13 served Brazil as Director of the Brazilian Trade Bureau in New York, Chief International
14 Advisor to Vice President Marco Maciel, Minister-Counsellor and Chargé d'Affaires of the
15 Brazilian Embassy in Paris, and Chief International Advisor to two governors of São Paulo;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, by opening this major new consulate general, Brazil is recognizing the great
18 importance of its relationships with the southeastern United States and in particular the
19 central role Atlanta plays in those relationships; and

20 WHEREAS, Hemisphere, Inc., a public-private partnership which led the initiative to raise
21 awareness of Georgia's position as the premier gateway to the Southeast, made multiple visits
22 to Brazil and hosted numerous Brazilian delegation in Georgia and the City of Atlanta, and

1 the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce also conducted significant outreach to the
2 government of Brazil; and

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia opened a trade office in São Paulo, Brazil, in 1994, and in
4 September, 2005, the office expanded to begin focusing on Georgia's broader economic
5 development interests, including investment, tourism, and film; and

6 WHEREAS, in December, 2007, the Department of Economic Development spearheaded
7 a fact-finding mission to Brazil to explore the nation's production and distribution systems
8 for ethanol, particularly cellulosic ethanol; and

9 WHEREAS, Brazil has become energy independent because of its extensive production and
10 use of ethanol as vehicle fuel as well as its burgeoning production of petroleum; and

11 WHEREAS, Brazil ranks tenth among Georgia's export destinations, with exports totaling
12 more than \$430 million; and

13 WHEREAS, Georgia imports \$772.5 million from Brazil through the Savannah Customs
14 District; and

15 WHEREAS, several Georgia companies, including AGCO Corp., Coca-Cola, Equifax,
16 Newell Rubbermaid, and Novelis, have operations in Brazil; and

17 WHEREAS, Brazilian companies, including Artefacto, Bematech Corp., Forense US Design,
18 Gerdau SA, Houston American Cement, and WEG Electric Motors Corp., operate facilities
19 in Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia and Brazil currently have significant and mutually beneficial economic
21 ties, including, but not limited to, the location in this state of a number of facilities operated
22 by leading Brazilian industries; and

23 WHEREAS, such economic ties provide jobs for Georgians, and it is in the best interest of
24 this state to increase such opportunities through expanded Brazilian industrial operations,
25 businesses, and investments in this state; and

26 WHEREAS, it is the desire of this body to encourage greater collaborations and exchanges
27 between Georgia and Brazil in all fields of research.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 recognize the establishment of the Brazilian Consulate General.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Consul General Adalnio Senna Ganem.